

ELECTRONIC AGE VERIFICATION DEVICES

Frequently the Nebraska State Patrol and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission are asked about electronic age verification devices. These devices come in many types and styles, modern drivers' licenses have many security features that are machine readable, some common features are:

**Magnetic Stripes
Two and Three Dimensional Bar Codes
Integrated Circuit Chips
Digital Watermarks**

There are numerous devices that read some or all of these data storage methods, if you are considering a purchase of this kind of device there are a large number of age verification devices on the market today. Neither the Nebraska State Patrol nor the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission can recommend a particular brand or style of device. An internet search is one resource that may be used to locate some of the sources for available devices in the marketplace.

The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles did a field study of devices to read digital watermarks that are used in the newest Nebraska Operators Licenses and Identification Cards. For more information assess the Digimark website at "<http://digimarc.com/govt/inspector.asp>"

Other kinds of available devices can be connected to a cash register to electronically calculate age based on the date of birth of the purchaser when the date of birth is manually entered.

If you purchase any kind of these devices, please remember that machines can not replace common sense or use good judgment. While the use of these devices can be an excellent tool for age verification, they should not be the only method relied upon for age verification.

WARNING

- DO NOT KEEP OR STORE ANY INFORMATION COLLECTED FROM ANY IDENTIFICATION WITH A ELECTRONIC IDENTIFICATION CHECKING DEVICE - TO DO SO IS A CLASS IV FELONY IN NEBRASKA § 60-4,111.01**